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For Closed Heat-decomposing Appliance, Pretreatment Method of Sample Using It, Analytical Method and Device Therefor

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The instant paper, transmitted by facsimile on the date subscribed, supplements the Amendment filed December 30, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite the claims as follows.

6 (twice amended). A pretreatment method of a sample using the device of claim 5, comprising the steps of setting up the sample containing organics together with oxygen in the heat-decomposing appliance closing, and then heating said heat-decomposing appliance with the device to decompose the organics.

8 (twice amended). A pretreatment method of a sample using the device of claim 7, comprising the steps of setting up the sample containing organics together with oxygen in the heat-decomposing appliance and closing, then heating said heat-decomposing appliance with said heating means to decompose the organics thereby producing the testing components, cooling said heat-decomposing appliance, injecting absorbing liquid into said heat-decomposing appliance to dissolve the testing components, and further stirring and/or shaking said heat-decomposing appliance to make said absorbed liquid in the heat-decomposing appliance uniform.